

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

If you allow Sinclair to run their anti-Kerry "documentary", I will fight with all my might to get Sinclair out of business and have their license pulled - permanently. Their personal feelings do not have the right to be aired on public airwaves. If they are allowed to do that, then I should have the right to air my personal views on all their stations, as should other groups, all individuals and anybody who wants to comment on the pros and cons of anyone running for office. Open it up to all comers or shut them down!! Let us see if you are in the Republican pocket or if you believe in true journalism.

Thank you.